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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2014, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

1 WHEREAS, July 20, 2014, is the forty-fifth anniversary of
2 the historic Apollo 11 spaceflight that landed the first humans
3 on the surface of the moon at Tranquility Base; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing is one of the most
6 significant technological advancements in history; and

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8 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement fulfilled President
9 John F. Kennedy's goal in his 1961 speech before the United
10 States Congress to send a man to the moon and return him safely
11 to Earth within a decade; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing was exceptionally
14 significant for the United States and the world, representing
15 the first time a human stepped foot on another celestial
16 surface; and

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18 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 designed, led, and executed the Apollo program; and

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21 WHEREAS, the landing site, "Tranquility Base", was named
22 after the region planned for the first human lunar landing in
23 the Sea of Tranquility; and

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25 WHEREAS, the first human landing at Tranquility Base
26 represented the combined efforts and contributions of thousands
27 of researchers, scientists, and engineers from many nations and
28 states, including Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's role in the Apollo program and space
2 exploration is represented by numerous facilities and programs
3 statewide, including Kauai's Kokee Tracking Station, which
4 provided voice relay and telemetry data communications between
5 the Apollo 11 astronauts and the National Aeronautics and Space
6 Administration's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique geological landscape was essential
9 for the training of the Apollo 11 astronauts that was carried
10 out in Halema'uma'u crater, Kapoho, Kilauea Iki crater, Aloi and
11 Alae craters, Mauna Ulu, Kilauea Hualalai volcano, Mauna Kea
12 volcano, and Mauna Loa volcano between 1965 and 1972; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii was instrumental in supporting the
15 splashdown and recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts and the
16 command module spacecraft returning from the moon; and
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18 WHEREAS, prior to being transported back to Texas, the
19 Apollo 11 astronauts traveled in a mobile quarantine facility
20 from Pearl Harbor to Hickam Air Force Base; and
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22 WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary challenges and
23 sacrifices required by this immense undertaking, the first human
24 landing on the moon was a success due to the contributions of
25 many participants, including the State of Hawaii; now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that July 20, 2014, be
31 designated as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawaii to honor the
32 forty-fifth anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing at
33 Tranquility Base; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
36 State's citizens to celebrate "Tranquility Base Day" to honor
37 the Apollo 11 lunar landing and the importance of this notable
38 milestone in the history of Hawaii, the United States, and the
39 world; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United
42 Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to
43 include Tranquility Base and associated artifacts on the World



1 Heritage List, along with other renowned landmarks, including
2 the Pyramids at Giza, the Great Wall of China, Independence
3 Hall, and the Statue of Liberty; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
7 Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific
8 and Cultural Organization.
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OFFERED BY: Will Zyew
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